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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions
DATE: November 15, 2005
SUBJECT: Proposed Facility Regulations

Chapter 464 of the Acts of 2004 required the Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions to promulgate regulations to regulate practice settings of Physical Therapists. In response to this legislation, the Board is proposing revisions to 260 CMR 2.01 and 6.00 to include the licensure and regulation of facilities.

259 CMR 2.01 and 6.00 establish the standards for applying for and operating a licensed Physical Therapy Facility pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112 § 23M1/2. The purpose of 259 CMR 6.00 is to prevent insurance fraud and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by promoting minimum standards for Physical Therapy Facilities throughout the Commonwealth. The Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions will hold two public hearings to receive comments on the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations may be found at the Board website at: http://www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/ah/rule_reg.htm The Board encourages interested parties to attend a public hearing or submit written comment for review.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, §§ 23A-23P1/2 and c. 30A, the Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions will hold two public hearings relative to proposed promulgation of amendments and additions to board regulations (259 CMR 2.00 and 6.00). The hearings will be held on the following times and dates at the following locations: 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2005 at the State Office Building, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA, 01103 and 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 239 Causeway Street, Second Floor, Boston, MA, 02114. Interested parties will be given an opportunity to present testimony orally or in writing at the hearing. Written comments will be accepted until the close of business on Wednesday, January 4, 2006. Written comments may be mailed to the Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions, 239 Causeway Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02114, Attention Catherine Keyes, Executive Director or e-mailed to Catherine.Keyes@state.ma.us. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained by contacting the Board at 239 Causeway Street, 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02114 (617-727-9964) or on the Board web-site <http://www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/ah>.

